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State Administration Committee  
60<sup>th</sup> Montana Legislature

Good Morning Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

I come before you today to consider House Bill 105. Since the last session, I served as the Chairman of the State/Tribal Relations Interim Committee. There have been some discussions around HB608, which I sponsored and passed during the 58<sup>th</sup> session in 2003. Since then, the Department of Justice has administered much of the work and I applaud them for their efforts. I decided to amend the existing statutes, because I believe it makes sense to move the duties to the Executive branch of government, the Governors office.

I have some handouts for you as exhibits:

**Exhibit A**

An excerpt from the Constitution of the United States

**Exhibit B**

The Constitution of the State of Montana Legislature

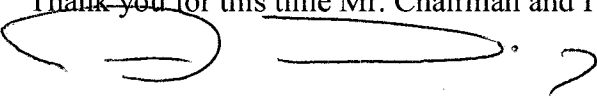
**Exhibit C**

Resolution of support from the Chippewa Cree Tribe

**Exhibit D**

The 2006 Annual Report by the Governors Office

Thank you for this time Mr. Chairman and I reserve the right to close.



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